## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for Bid Number CC2015-26, Annual Contract for Small Scale Utility Projects 2015, will be received in the office of the Purchasing and Stores Manager, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, located in the Emergency Operations & Support Addition, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Ellyson Industrial Park, Pensacola, FL 32514, until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at which time bids submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud in the adjacent Room 2202, Finance Conference Room. Bids received after 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, September 1, 2015 will be returned unopened. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the ECUA Engineering Conference Room, located at 9255 Sturdevant Street, Pensacola, FL, 32514, at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, August 20, 2015. The principal features of work will consist of the utilization of the awarded contractor on a time and materials basis to perform small scale installations, repair and relocation of ECUA water mains, force mains, gravity sewer mains, etc. as directed by ECUA.

The Project Manual can only be obtained by visiting the ECUA website, www.ecua.fl.gov, selecting the "Doing Business with ECUA" header, followed by selecting Bid Opportunities under the dropdown menu, at which time a complete list of advertised ECUA projects can be seen. Click the link to the project's Project Manual, register and/or log in to ECUA's file sharing service and view or download the Project Manual in pdf file format as desired. The file sharing service will also alert registrants about updates and/or addenda. ECUA advises potential bidders, suppliers and sub-contractors to only rely on information personally obtained from ECUA's file sharing service and not from third parties.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the bidding documents are to be submitted to Engineer (Brandon Knight, P.E., ECUA) in writing via email at brandon.knight@ecua.fl.gov up to seven (7) days prior to the bid opening. Interpretations or clarification considered necessary by the Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by addenda to the ECUA website to all parties registered to receive documents about this bid via the website. Questions received less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date for the opening of bids will not be answered. Only questions answered by addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; rebid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, ECUA may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which ECUA selects – with all decisions being made based upon what ECUA believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. ECUA further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of ECUA at the unit price which was bid. The ECUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, and disability/handicapped status, veteran status, or any other legally protected status in employment or provision of service.